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CONT.

2. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 in which the irradiance by the second light beam is in the range from 1% to 1000% of the irradiance by the first light beam.

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*Please add the following new claims:*

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3. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the irradiance by the second light beam is in the range from 10% to 100% of the irradiance by the first light beam.

4. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the azobenzene moiety containing polymeric compound has a number-average molecular weight in the range from 1,000 to 1,000,000.

5. (New) the method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the polymeric compound has a number-average molecular weight in the range from 3,000 to 10,000.

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